

Service Times

Sunday 3rd October

- 10am Harvest Mass
Crabbs Cross
- 10.30am Harvest Eucharist
Headless Cross
- 10.30am Harvest Eucharist
Feckenham
- 1pm Baptism Headless
Cross
- 4pm Harvest Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Tuesday 5th October

- 10am Traditional Language

Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Thursday 7th October

- 10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

Sunday 10th October

- 9am Book of Common
Prayer Eucharist
Feckenham
- 10am Mass
Crabbs Cross
- 10.30am Service of the Word
Headless Cross
- 4pm Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Tuesday 12th October

- 10am Traditional Language
Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Thursday 14th October

- 10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

Sunday 17th October

- 10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

Christ the King



Monthly Benefice Bulletin

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Farewell to Summer!

As I start to produce the Monthly Benefice Bulletin for October, the warm fair weather of last week is behind us and the rain is lashing the ground. Autumn is on the way and the nights begin to draw in. I like the changing of the seasons when the leaves fade from green to yellow and brown and people bring out the sweaters and warm winter coats. Lazy summer days give way to the busyness of Autumn, new schools days, back to work and new challenges. As the climatic seasons change, so do the seasons of the Church. Now we enter a period of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. We mark that from Sunday when we celebrate Harvest, giving thanks for God's goodness to us. After a difficult 18 months we much to be thankful for, not just the bounty the earth provides, but for human ingenuity seen most recently in vaccine development. At the same time, we must not lose sight of the challenges we face, whether that be the challenge of those who still live below the bread line here at home and abroad through to the global climate challenge which seems ever more pressing. As part of the communities of faith in South Redditch we remind ourselves that we are part of a long unbroken community of faith that has written its story of faith in God over the eons. We now play our part in building the Kingdom of God, building on what was laid before us and leaving secure foundations for those that will come after us. This season of Remembrance and Thanksgiving culminates in the end of the Church year where we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday November 21st when there will be a chance to come and worship together as one Benefice.

A Note on Face Coverings

As the Covid rate of infection is increasing at present we would ask you to continue wearing a face covering during worship, we do monitor this closely, as soon as we can safely remove face coverings we will. Thank you

10.30am Eucharist
Headless Cross

10.30am Eucharist
Astwood Bank

12pm Baptism
Feckenham

6.30pm Evensong
Feckenham

Tuesday 19th October

10am Traditional Language
Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Thursday 21st October

10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

Sunday 24th October

10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

10.30am Service of the Word
Headless Cross

10.30am Eucharist
Feckenham

4pm Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Tuesday 26th October

10am Traditional Language
Eucharist
Astwood Bank

Thursday 28th October

10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

Sunday 31st October

10am Mass
Crabbs Cross

10.30am Service of the Word
Headless Cross

4pm Eucharist
Astwood Bank

4pm Eucharist
Feckenham

A easy way to pray at home!

There are several apps designed by the Church of England that help and encourage people to pray. These can be downloaded to your phone or tablet. Do you have 20 minutes where you could pray Morning, Midday or Evening Prayer or even Night Prayer? Have a look for these apps in your app store. You can also listen to Daily Prayer as recorded in the app. During Lockdown the app was downloaded 1 million times! Daily prayer can also be found on the Church of England's Website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



Growing Leaders

The diocese are once again running the Growing Leaders Course in 2022 the aim of the course is to explore in a broad sense vocation, and allowing people to develop new understandings and skills in ministry. The course works well for people at any stage of their ministry and is open to anyone. The course runs for 10 sessions across the year. If you would like more details, then please speak to Glenn

Baptisms

We have a significant number of Baptisms being booked now, do please hold these families in your prayers and pray for the plans and opportunities being developed to follow up with these families. If you would like to support this families by representing the Church at the Baptism service then please let the clergy know, your support would be most welcome!

Quote of the Month

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.” *Vincent van Gogh*